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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the claims pending in the present patent application, made in the Official Action dated August 5, 2009, placing the above identified patent application under Final Rejection.

At page 2, paragraph 4 of the Official Action, Claims 1-6, 9-10, 12-15, 17-18, and 20 have been rejected as being obvious over a combination of Heinz et al (DE 101 44 731) and Marek et al (US 2003/0222055).